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SUBJ: VISIT OF GOVERNOR AND MRS. REAGAN

REF: A) STATE 215997; B) MELBOURNE 1135

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PROPOSED MELBOURNE DATES
NOVEMBER 27-29 CONFLICT WITH FIRM SCHEDULE REQUIRING
GOVERNOR REAGAN'S PRESENCE MELBOURNE FROM NOON
NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH LATE EVENING NOVEMBER 30.
REFTEL B CONTAINS DETAILS RE MELBOURNE SCHEDULE
AND NECESSITY FOR NOVEMBER 28-30 PRESENCE MELBOURNE.

2. ON ASSUMPTION THEREFORE GOVERNOR MAY WISH PROCEED
INITIALLY TO CANBERRA AND PROCEED MELBOURNE FOLLOWING
COMPLETION CANBERRA SCHEDULE, THE EMBASSY HAS DESIGNED
FOLLOWING PROPOSED PROGRAM TO FIT EITHER NOVEMBER 27
ARRIVAL CANBERRA OR NOVEMBER 30 ARRIVAL CANBERRA.
EMBASSY OBSERVES IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IN VIEW
GOVERNOR REAGAN'S STATUS AS PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE,
RESCHEDULING TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL CALLS IN CANBERRA
PRIOR TO MELBOURNE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE CERTAIN
ADVANTAGES FROM PROTOCOL STANDPOINT, IN ADDITION TO
MEETING SCHEDULE PROBLEMS DETAILED IN REFTEL B.

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3. PROPOSED CANBERRA PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

FIRST DAY (NOVEMBER 27 OR NOVEMBER 30)

ARRIVE CANBERRA 10:00 AM GOVERNOR AND MRS. REAGAN
AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF GOVERNOR'S PARTY CORDIALLY INVITED TO
BE AMBASSADOR'S GUESTS AT RESIDENCE. BALANCE OF PARTY
LAKESIDE HOTEL.
11:00 AM OFFICIAL CALL
12:00 NOON OFFICIAL CALL
1:00 PM GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER AT PRESS CLUB
LUNCHEON
3:00 PM OFFICIAL CALL
4:00 PM OFFICIAL CALL
7:30 PM FORMAL DINNER AT RESIDENCE IN GOVERNOR
REAGAN'S HONOR WITH GUEST LIST OF AUSTRALIAN LEADERS

SECOND DAY (NOVEMBER 29 OR DECEMBER 1)

9:00 AM MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS
10:00 AM OFFICIAL CALL
11:00 AM LEAVE CANBERRA
12:00 NOON ARRIVE MELBOURNE AIRPORT

4. OFFICIAL CALLS PROVIDED IN ABOVE PROGRAM WOULD
INCLUDE AS AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING: GOVERNOR GENERAL
SIR PAUL HASLUCK, PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER BARNARD, FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE, TREASURER
CREAN, OVERSEAS TRADE MINISTER CAIRNS.

5. RE PROPOSED PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON. EMBASSY BELIEVES
IT PROBABLY PRESS CLUB WOULD WISH TO ARRANGE SUCH
LUNCHEON BUT THIS NECESSARILY TENTATIVE UNTIL EMBASSY
AUTHORIZED APPROACH PRESS CLUB FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF
PROPOSAL BY GOVERNOR REAGAN. SPEECH ON THIS OCCASION
COULD BE PRIMARILY ON U.S. EXPORT SUBJECT BUT PRESS
INTEREST DURING FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
WOULD BE OVERWHELMINGLY ON CURRENT WASHINGTON POLITICAL
ISSUES.

6. ALTERNATIVE TO PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON IF GROUP UNABLE
TO SPONSOR, OR IF GOVERNOR PREFERRED, MIGHT BE LUNCHEON
SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OR SIMILAR
GROUP WITH GOVERNOR AS SPEAKER.
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7. IN VIEW GOVERNOR'S STATUS AS SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR U.S. EXPORT PROMOTION, EMBASSY
ESPECIALLY FAVORS ADDITIONAL DIRECT BUSINESS CONTACT
IN COURSE OF AUSTRALIAN VISIT. GIVEN LIMITS ON
GOVERNOR'S TIME IN AUSTRALIA, BELIEVE THIS CAN BEST BE
ACCOMPLISHED INCIDENT HIS STAY IN MELBOURNE AND CONGEN
MELBOURNE WILL INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAMMING AN APPROPRIATE

MEETING WITH AN IMPORT-ORIENTED BUSINESS GROUP POSSIBLY
UNDER AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORSHIP.

8. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR
MRS. REAGAN IN ACCORDANCE HER INTERESTS. POSSIBILITIES
COULD INCLUDE SIGHTSEEING, ATHLETICS OR WOMEN'S GROUP
VISITS DEPENDING ON HER PREFERENCE.

9. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE
CONCERNING GOVERNOR'S FINAL SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM
PREFERENCES IN ORDER THAT PROGRAM MAY BE DISCUSSED
WITH GOA, AND SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS, LUNCHEON AND SOCIAL SCHEDULE.
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